

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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**“QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWERS AND THEIR REPLIES”**

*to be asked at a sitting of the Senate to be held on*

**Wednesday, the 28th August, 2013**

DEFERRED QUESTIONS

- (i) Question No. 82 originally set down for answering on 8th March, 2013.
- (ii) Questions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 8 and 9 originally set down for answering on 20th August, 2013.

82. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 09-01-2013 at 10:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the initial amount of contribution made by the Government to the Workers Welfare Fund; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Federal Government for further contribution in the Workers Welfare Fund along-with its details?*

Reply not received.

1. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 23-04-2013 at 11:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of benefits given to the workers by the Employees' Old Age Benefits Institution; and*
- (b) *the amount received by the Institution from the employers and also given to workers during the last five years with year-wise breakup?*

Reply not received.

2. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 24-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the functions of Overseas Employment Corporation; and*
- (b) *the number of persons sent abroad by the corporation during the last five years with country-wise break-up?*

Reply not received.

3. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 25-04-2013 at 10:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of persons sent abroad by the Bureau of Emigration and Overseas Employment during the last five years with country-wise breakup; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government for exploring further employment opportunities abroad?*

Reply not received.

5. **\*Col. (R) Syed Tahir Hussain Mashhadi:** (Notice received on 26-04-2013 at 16:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state:*

- (a) *whether it is a fact that a percentage of amount of fine collected is paid to National Highways and Motorways Police as commission / reward; if so, the ratio and justification thereof; and*
- (b) *the total amount of said commission / reward paid to the said police during the last three years?*

**Minister for Communications:** (a) Yes. 50% of the fine collected goes to National Highways Authority & Motorway Police (NH&MP) while remaining 50% is retained by National Highway Authority (NHA). Out of this amount given to NH & MP, 50% is allocated to Road Safety Campaign Fund, out of this 50%, 25% for Regimental and Welfare Fund of the Force while the remaining 25% is meant for Reward Fund.

- (b) The amount of reward paid during the last three years is as under,

<u>Year</u>	<u>Reward (Rs. in Mill)</u>
2010-11	113.713
2011-12	117.316
2011-12	154.941

8. **\*Mrs. Nuzhat Sadiq :** (Notice received on 09-07-2013 at 10:25 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the names of pharmaceutical companies registered in the country from 1st April, 2008 to 30th June, 2013;*
- (b) *the names of drugs registered in the country during the said period;*
- (c) *whether the laid down criteria was followed in registration of the said companies and drugs;*
- (d) *whether any irregularity has been found in registration of the said companies and drugs, if so, the details thereof; and*
- (e) *whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to investigate the violations committed in the said registration and make the responsible persons accountable, if so, the details thereof?*

Reply not received.

9. **\*Mr. Moula Bakhsh Chandio:** (Notice received on 30-07-2013 at 09:30 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resources Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the details of complaints made by the Overseas Pakistanis regarding illegal occupation of their immovable properties in Pakistan during the last ten years indicating also the action taken in each case;*
- (b) *the number of the said cases in which the property was got vacated from illegal occupants and handed over to the concerned Overseas Pakistanis; and*
- (c) *the arrangements made by the Government for protection of immovable properties and other belongings of the Overseas Pakistanis in Pakistan?*

Reply not received.

91. **\*Mr. Muhammad Talha Mehmood:** (Notice received on 26-04-2013 at 09:00 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the current deposits in Workers Welfare Fund; and*
- (b) *the amount granted to the provinces out of the Funds after devolution under 18th amendment in the Constitution?*

Reply not received.

92. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-07-2013 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Ports and Shipping be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry of Ports and Shipping to reduce its current expenditures by 30% during the current financial year in pursuance of Prime Minister's directive?*

**Mr. Kamran Michael:** During current Financial year 2013-14, budget allocated to the Ministry of Ports & Shipping and its attached departments/organizations and 30% cut as per Government policy is as under:

Total Allocation	539,833,000
30% Cut	43,291,300
<b>Net Budget</b>	<b>496,541,700</b>

93. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 31-07-2013 at 09:20 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Communications be pleased to state the steps taken by the Ministry of Communications to reduce its current expenditures by 30% during the current financial year in pursuance of Prime Minister's directive?*

**Minister for Communications:** (i) In compliance with the instructions contained in Finance Division's letter No.1(1)Exp-IV/2013 dated 1st July,2013, Ministry of Communications has surrendered an amount of Rs.15.760 million out of its non-development budget for the current financial year 2013-14.

(ii) The instructions of Ministry of Finance have been forwarded to attached departments of Ministry of Communications, for compliance.

94. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 02-08-2013 at 10:50 a.m.)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the number of students sent abroad for higher education during the last three years with year-wise and province-wise break-up;*
- (b) *the names of the countries to which the said students were sent; and*
- (c) *the procedure/criteria laid down for selection of students for the said purpose?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) A total 430 students have been awarded scholarships under PSDP funded development projects during last three years *i.e.* 2011, 2012 and 2013. The year wise and province wise break up of scholarships is as follows:—

Region	2011	2012	2013
Punjab	64	108	55
Sindh	07	55	10
KPK	23	42	20
Baluchistan	03	06	07
ICT	03	03	02
FATA	00	07	04
AJK	02	05	01
Gilgit Baltistan	00	03	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>99</b>

(b) These students were sent to 16 different countries of the world. The country wise distribution of the students is as under:—

1.	Australia	08
2.	Austria	32
3.	Canada	05
4.	China	61
5.	France	06
6.	Germany	93
7.	Italy	48
8.	Malaysia	01
9.	Newzeland	05
10.	Norway	01
11.	South Korea	107
12.	Sweden	01
13.	Thailand	09
14.	Turkey	22
15.	UK	28
16.	USA	03

(c) HEC has a transparent mechanism to select the perspective candidates to award the scholarships for higher degrees. For the selection of suitable candidates on merit, a special Committee was constituted by the ECNEC, Government of Pakistan named "National Scholarship Management Committee (NSMC)". The Committee is also responsible for policy decisions to regulate most of the HRD scholarship programs. NSMC has representatives from all four provinces, Planning Commission, PAEC and federal ministries apart from the HEC.

**Criteria for Selection of Students for Overseas Scholarships**

1. Pakistani/AJK nationals.
2. Candidates must have minimum sixteen years of education (MSc, MA, MBA, ME, MS, B.E / BSc (Egg), M.B.B.S or equivalent).
3. Maximum two second divisions throughout the academic career.
4. Not less than 50% marks in academic career.
5. Maximum age:
  - (a) 40 years for full time regular faculty members of public sector Universities/Colleges and employees of the public sector R & D organizations.
  - (b) 35 years for all others.
6. The candidates who are already availing any other \_ HEC scholarship offer are not eligible to apply.
7. NTS/GAT test and Interview by the team of foreign Professors for final award of scholarship.

95. **\*Syeda Sughra Imam:** (Notice received on 02-08-2013 at 13:30 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for National Health Services, Regulations and Coordination be pleased to state:*

- (a) *the steps taken by the Government to control hepatitis in the country; and*
- (b) *the steps being taken by the Government to regulate the production and import of drugs for the said purpose?*

Reply not received.

96. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 05-08-2013 at 14:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state the details of support being provided by the Federal Government to the Provincial Governments in education sector?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** The Federal Government does not provide direct financial support to provincial Government, However substantial funds are provided for Higher Education, Technical & Non Formal Education. According to current financial year budgetary provisions, the following amounts are available for the following sectors:

Sr.#	Sectors	Budget Allocation
1.	Higher Education	59 Billion
2.	Technical Education	435.24 Million
3.	Non-Formal Education	4710.772 Million

Besides, the Federal Government guides and provides Technical Assistance to the Provincial Education Departments whenever it is required.

97. **\*Mrs. Sehar Kamran :** (Notice received on 05-08-2013 at 14:45 p.m.)

*Will the Minister for Education, Trainings and Standards in Higher Education be pleased to state:*

(a) *the male and female literacy rate in the country at present; and*

(b) *the steps being taken by the Government to improve the said rate?*

**Mr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman:** (a) According to the latest Pakistan social and living standards measurement (PSLM) survey 2011-12, the literacy rate of the population of male is 70% and that of female is 47% .Total literacy rate for the year 2011-12 is 58%.

(b) NCHD and BECS, attached departments of Ministry of Education Trainings and Standards in Higher Education, are playing a pivotal role in improving the literacy rate in the country. Moreover Provincial Literacy Departments are also contributing towards improving the literacy rates. UNICEF and UNESCO in collaboration with this Ministry are also endeavoring in this direction.

ISLAMABAD :  
*The 27th August, 2013.*

IFTIKHAR ULLAH BABAR,  
*Secretary.*